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TAGS: MARR, OVIP, SA, US (BROWN/CLEMENTS)
SUBJECT: THE BROWN/CLEMENTS VISIT

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- 1. RECEIPT OF AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR ARRIVAL SECDEF AIRCRAFT 7 APRIL INDICATES VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AS DISCUSSED 7-10 APRIL.
- 2. RECOMMEND IF POSSIBLE THAT SEC CLEMENTS AND GEN BROWN ARRIVE BETWEEN 1500-1530 LOCAL AT JIDDA, OR EARLIER, RATHER THAN ABOUT 1730 AS AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE REQUEST INDICATES. THIS WOULD ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION WITHOUT CROWDING INTO DINNER HOUR.
- 3. ALSO RECOMMEND, IF GENERAL BROWN IS TRAVELLING SEPARATELY, THAT GENERAL BROWN ARRIVE ABOUT 15 (FIFTEEN) MINUTES PRIOR TO SECRETARY CLEMENTS, TO FACILITATE WELCOME BY SAUDI DIGNITARIES.
- 4. REQUEST NAMES, ETC. OF PERSONS ACCOMPANYING SEC CLEMENTS AND GEN BROWN. UNDERSTAND SEC CLEMENTS PARTY WILL TOTAL 4 (FOUR) PLUS CREW AND GEN BROWN'S PARTY 7 (SEVEN) PLUS CREW.
- 5. DETAILED ITINERARY AND APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ARRANGED SATURDAY 5 APRIL FOR MEETINGS WITH HM KING KHALED, AND HRH PRINCES FAHD, SECRET

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ABDULLAH, SULTAN AND TURKI, AS WELL AS CALL BY GENERAL BROWN ON

GENERAL HAMAD AL-SHUMAIMRI, CHIEF OF SAUDI GENERAL STAFF.

6. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

AFTERNOON 7 APRIL - ARRIVAL JIDDA FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS AT EMBASSY.

EVENING 7 APRIL - DINNER AT RESIDENCE.

0800 8 APRIL - DEPART FOR RIYADH.

 $0915\ 8$ APRIL - ARRIVE RIYADH, MOVE TO USMTM COMPOUND TO AWAIT APPOINTMENTS.

THROUGH 9 APRIL - CALLS ON SENIOR SAUDI OFFICIALS (POSSIBLE LOW KEY DINNERS IN EVENINGS).

10 APRIL - DEPART.

OF VISIT WILL BE EXPECTED.

7. WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR SAUDI PRESS TO COVER ARRIVAL UNLESS THERE IS SOME OBJECTION. SAUDI PRESS IS CONTROLLED AND FAVORABLE COVERAGE IS ASSURED. ARRIVAL STATEMENT CONCERNING PURP OSE

- 8. OFFICE SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT JIDDA AND RIYADH.
- 9. DUE TO SHORTAGE OF HOTEL SPACE IN RIYADH REQUEST GEN BROWN'S AIR-CRAFT CONSIDER WAITING EITHER OUT OF COUNTRY OR AT DHAHRAN, FLYING TO RIYADH MORNING 10 APRIL FOR DEPARTURE. DHAHRAN IS 45 MINUTE FLIGHT FROM RIYADH AND FACILITIES THERE ARE LESS CROWDED.
- 10 REQUEST MESSAGES CONCERNING VISIT TRANSMITTED OVER THURSDAY-FRIDAY SAUDI WEEKEND CARRY NIACT IMMEDIATE OR HIGHER PRECEDENCE. OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT BE RECEIVED UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING. AKINS

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED DOD AND USMTM DHAHRAN.

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